

ENDANGERED SPECIES OBSERVER PROGRAM
Gulf Coast Trailing Co.- Dredge Mermentau
Palm Beach Harbor, FL 1994/1995

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Load# 31 Start 05:38 End 07:44 Dump 07:54
Location (lat/long) 26° 46.09'N 80° 01.82'W
Conditions partly cloudy, winds light airs, seas calm Tide flood
water temp. -72° F
Port Draghead debris, rope, fishing line, wood. TED: OK
Stbd Draghead garbage, rope, sea turtle, fishing line. TED: OK
Port Overflow 0
Stbd Overflow 0

Port (~~Overboard~~) lander: sea grass, rocks, sand, trash, small crabs.
Port Dis.- ~~At~~ fore: shells, sea grass, fishing line. mid: shells, sea grass, trash
Stbd (~~Overboard~~) Lander: shells, rocks, sand, trash.
Stbd Dis.- ~~At~~ fore: shells, sea grass, fishing line. mid: garbage, shells.
Comments: A subadult green sea turtle was taken on this load. It was
found in the starboard drag head. The turtle was caught between the
drag head and the TED. The turtle was dorsal side up with it's head
facing into the drag arm. The turtle's head and carapace were badly
fractured and part of the right front flipper was missing.
A full report of the incident is given in the daily report.

Observer(s) On Duty: Phil Tonne